



<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/government>

gov·ern·ment

/ˈgʌvərnmənt, -ərmənt/ Show Spelled[guhv-ern-muhnt, -er-muhnt] Show IPA

–noun 1. the political direction and control exercised over the actions of the members, citizens, or inhabitants of communities, societies, and states; direction of the affairs of a state, community, etc.; political administration: Government is necessary to the existence of civilized society.

2. the form or system of rule by which a state, community, etc., is governed: monarchical government; episcopal government.

3. the governing body of persons in a state, community, etc.; administration.

4. a branch or service of the supreme authority of a state or nation, taken as representing the whole: a dam built by the government.

5. (in some parliamentary systems, as that of the United Kingdom) a. the particular group of persons forming the cabinet at any given time: The Prime Minister has formed a new government.

b. the parliament along with the cabinet: The government has fallen.

6. direction; control; management; rule: the government of one's conduct.

7. a district governed; province.

8. [political science](#).

9. Grammar . the established usage that requires that one word in a sentence should cause another to be of a particular form: the government of the verb by its subject.

WHAT DOES THE US GOVERNMENT DO FOR YOU?

Brainstorm and write as many services, and products that the government provides for you.

After 2 minutes

Share out to create a chart of what we **know** the government does for us.



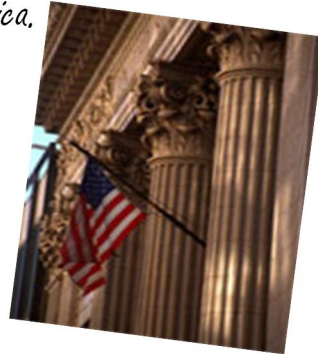
Share out

(psst use the smart board to finish)

We the people of the United States of America, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, to ordain and establish the Constitution for the United States of America.



PREAMBLE: COMPARE WHAT
YOU BRAINSTORMED TO THESE
FOLLOWING CONCEPTS:



Preamble

Categorize the government services or product below:

Form a more Perfect Union	Establish Justice	Insure Domestic Tranquility	Common Defense	General Welfare	Secure the Blessings of Liberty to our posterity

Form A More Perfect Union

- a group of states or nations united into one political body, as that of the American colonies at the time of the Revolution

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/union>



Can you think of instances when we were not a perfect union?

How have we overcome struggles and remained united?

What does overcoming struggles as a nation mean to you?

Is it still important, to work on being a more perfect nation, today?

Name other countries or states that are "UNITED"?

Establish Justice

- "...America-strong, outspoken, intense in their convictions, sometimes wrong-headed but always generous and brave, with a passion for justice no nation has ever matched."

Johnson, Paul. *History of the American People*. New York: HarperCollins: 1997.



How would you define America's passion for Justice?

Can you think of historical moments when we, as Americans, wanted Justice?

Have you personally dealt with the American Judicial System?

Can our need for Justice be too extreme, if so when?

Insure Domestic Tranquility

- “One of the main goals of the Convention, then, was to ensure the federal government had powers to squash rebellion and to smooth tensions between states.”

<http://www.usconstitution.net/const.html>



Can you think of other moments in history when the US Government has “squashed rebellion”?

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One of the concerns of the Framers was that the government prior to that under the Constitution was unable, by force or persuasion, to quell rebellion or quarrels amongst the states. The government watched in horror as Shay's Rebellion transpired just before the Convention, and some states had very nearly gone to war with each other over territory (such as between Pennsylvania and Connecticut over Wilkes-Barre). One of the main goals of the Convention, then, was to ensure the federal government had powers to squash rebellion and to smooth tensions between states.

Common Defense

- <http://www.defense.gov/multimedia/>

How many “wars” can you name that the United States has declared war?

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_history_of_the_United_States



Colonial Wars

War of Independence

Mexican-American War

American Civil War (1861-1865)

Indian Wars (1865-1870)

Spanish-American War (1898)

Banana Wars

World War I

World War II

Cold War

Korean War

Vietnam War

Gulf War

War on Terrorism

Afghanistan

Phillippines

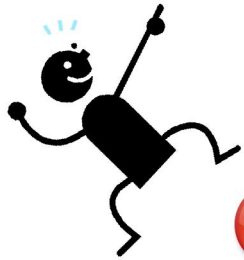
Iraq

We occupied many other place, overthough dictatorships an

General Welfare

As meant in Constitution

- welfare *n.* 1. health, happiness, or prosperity; well-being. [<ME *wel faren*, to fare well]



How do you think our government works to uphold this concept?

Another meaning today...

- Welfare in today's context also means organized efforts on the part of public or private organizations to benefit the poor, or simply public assistance. This is not the meaning of the word as used in the Constitution.

<http://www.usconstitution.net/glossary.html>

Blessing of Liberty to

Our selves

Our posterity

(the future or for future generations)



What are you doing to help our government to preserve posterity?





The character of a nation is sometimes best refined by its fieriest trials. How it has revealed in the story of the struggles to establish and preserve unity, justice, liberty, and the common good. It is the story of ordinary people joining their efforts to achieve the extraordinary. It is the story of a people...We, the people....

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